

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Vs.

LAVONTE LAMONT HALLMAN,

Defendant(s).

THIS MATTER is before the court on defendant's letters (#s 66 & 67) , in which he contends, despite his conviction, that the federal courts do not have jurisdiction over *Hobbs Act* robberies. First, defendant needs to be aware that such pro se motions when represented by counsel are not permitted, L.Cr.R. 47.1 (H), and are in any event unwise as they may be used against him by the government at sentencing.

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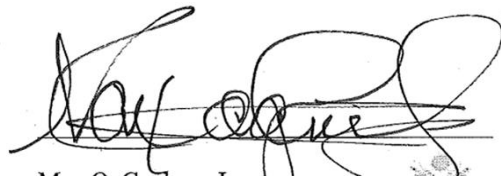
accomplished in filing the instant, uncounseled letters is to give the government fodder for arguing against defendant's Motion for Downward Departure at sentencing.

Defendant is strongly advised to discuss his case only with his attorney and have his attorney make any filings that they both deem to be appropriate.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that defendant's letters (#s 66 & 67), to the extent they seek relief, are **DENIED**.

Signed: April 15, 2013



Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge